

What is Claimed is:

1. A gaming machine comprising: variable display means for variably displaying designs; and front display means disposed in front of the variable display means, wherein the front display means includes a transparent liquid crystal display panel through which said variable display means is able to be seen, a light guiding plate for guiding light emitted from a light source to the entire of said liquid crystal display panel, and diffusion means for diffusing the light guided by the light guiding plate to equalize the light which illuminates said liquid crystal display panel, and in said light guiding plate and diffusion means, transparent areas for ensuring the visibility of the variable display of said variable display means are formed.

2. The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein said variable display means is one or more rotatable reels each having a reel band thereon, on which said designs are drawn.

3. The reel-based gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein said gaming machine is a slot machine.